(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Authority

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Proclamation made by the President in relation to the State of Punjab

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Madam, I lay on the Table, under clause (3) of the article 356 of the Constitution, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Proclamation [G.S.R. No. 124(E)] issued by the President, under clause (2) of the said article, on the 25th February, 1992, revoking the Proclamation made by him on the 11th May, 1987, in relation to the State of Punjab.

RE. PURCHASE OF MIRAGES BY PAKISTAN

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): The purchase of 40 Mirages by Pakistan has tilted the balance in the sub-continent. We should lodge a grave protest with France. I think, at this juncture when all over the world Defence Budgets are being cut, it is a very serious matter. Forty Mirages is a very big deal. I think, the Government of India should lodge a strong and quick protest with the Government of France.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): While I support him, I wish to bring to your notice about the urgency and the importance of discussing the attempts made by this Government to find out the truth about Bofors. I allege that the Government has been scuttling the investigations into Bofors by transferring the officers from the investigating team, by letting the Government take evidence from Mr. Win Chadha in London and all the attempts ....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: When Mr. V.P. Singh's Government came ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: No. Mr. V.P. Singh's Government was very proud of its record. He got the ...*(Interruptions)*... Why should they be afraid of ..*(Interruptions)*..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order. The Leader of the House wants to say something. Just a minute. The Leader of the House is on his feet ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, our charge is that the Government is sabotaging the investigation deliberately with a view to suppressing the truth.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Government wants to react. Please take your seat ....*(Interruptions)*... The Leader of the House is on his feet. He wants to react. Let him react.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): I would like to inform this honourable House that the Government is not at all interested in scuttling the discussion on Bofors....*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him finish. Don't interrupt. I would not like the Members to interrupt the Leader of the House when he is on his feet. Let is maintain certain decorum. If you interrupt him, you cannot hear.please don't interrupt him. Listen to him quietly and peacefully. After you have heard him, I may permit you to react.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: If the Business Advisory Committee decides to fix a date and time for the discussion, certainly Government has no objection.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: The time has to be fixed early. We raised the matter in the Business Advisory Committee.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now that matter is closed. Mr. S.B. Chavan on the Resolution.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: We don't agree to it. How many times should we discuss this subject? We do not want to waste the time of Parliament on this issue.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Let the discussion be organised at a very early date.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The discussion cannot be organised in this House by anybody mentioning it in the House. What the Leader of the House has stated is absolutely correct. the Business Advisory Committee manages the Business of the House, wherein you are also a Member. they will take a